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County Executive Gardner Shares Preliminary Legislative Package for 2017 and Invites Public Input

FREDERICK, MD – Executive Jan Gardner today shared suggestions submitted so far for the Frederick County legislative package, as well as recommendations from the School Construction Work Group she appointed earlier this year. Initiatives and position statements will be submitted to the Frederick Delegation for the 2017 General Assembly session.

“County legislative initiatives were developed with ideas gathered from our citizens, county agencies, civic organizations and the County Council,” said Executive Gardner. “I commend the School Construction Work Group for their time and efforts to find cost savings. Their report provides us a great opportunity to lead the way in finding solutions.”

The package currently includes legislation for a hotel tax exemption for emergency sheltering, as well as position statements on such issues as apprenticeship and internship programs and industry-driven workforce training; state funding for paratransit services to help dialysis patients; a safety net insurance program to support dairy farmers when milk prices fall; programs to control populations of white tail deer and bears, and other agriculture priorities.

The package also includes position statements related to restoring the county share of state highway user revenues for road maintenance and improvement, increased state funding for school construction and renovation and additional suggestions from local organizations.

To view the School Construction Work Group interim report, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/schoolconstructiongroup.

Executive Gardner invites the public to provide input at her legislative Town Hall at 7 p.m. on October 6 at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. The meeting will be televised on FCG TV, and webcast at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video.

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